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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD -

Concerning letter to the Hon. Rowland R. Hughes, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, giving agency comments on a report to the Congress, prepared by the Hoover Commission on work of the Executive Branch of the Government covering the general field of Government Transportation Functions.

An analysis of the "Report to the Congress" on transportation, as prepared by the "Commission on Organisation of the Executive Branch of the Government" (Hoover Commission), discloses that the Central Intelligence Agency has little direct concern with any of the several recommendations made regarding shipment of cargo as the bulk of this Agency's cargo movements are processed through channels and from a security viewpoint, the continued utilisation of these channels is to be desired regardless of any changes adopted by the concerned shipper as a result of the commission report.

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cargo is, at present, shipped commercially within the United States utilizing Government Bills of Lading directly chargeable to CIA. This traffic is limited to items which are not sensitive, security-wise, but such an operation by CIA is specifically authorized by Public Law 152. Section 201 of this law, which requires that all civilian type government agencies shall have certain common functions performed for them by General Services Administration, states: "the Administrator (GSA) shall...prescribe policies and methods of...transportation and traffic management." However, Section 502, P. L. 152, specifically exempts this Agency from such control by stating: "Mothing in this Act shall impair or affect any authority of Central Intelligence Agency."

The Commission in its report to Congress appears to recognize the necessity for the continued exemption of certain agencies from QSA traffic management control, as originally authorised by P. L. 152, and in its Recommendation Number 20.(a) states: "That existing laws be modified to provide that civilian agencies now exempted from central traffic management by the General Services Administration be no longer so exempted, except for the movement of the mails or for the movement of security-classified goods."

With reference to the movement of passenger traffic, it should be noted that this Agency has consistently utilised commercial American-flag carriers wherever possible and that, therefore, the adoption by the Congress, of those recommendations which call for the utilisation of commercial facilities to a greater extent, will result in little or no change in the existing policy of

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